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Fishers Arts & Culture Commission launches Partnership Program

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The Fishers Arts & Culture Commission (FACC) has announced seven partners as part of their inaugural Partnership Program for the 2021-2022 art season. The program recognizes local businesses, non-profit organizations, or individuals identified by the Commission as going above and beyond in supporting, showcasing, and advocating for public art or art programming in the Fishers community.

“The fabric of a thriving community is defined in part by the richness of its arts and culture and the experiences that are derived from it, and the engagement of our community in arts and culture play a big role in this,” said Marisol Sanchez, Fishers Arts & Culture Commissioner. “By supporting, promoting, and fostering arts and culture, we, by extension, bring diversity to and help create a sense of belonging in our community.

“With the Arts and Culture Partnership Program we can recognize and celebrate the businesses, organizations, and individuals who are going above and beyond in promoting arts and culture so that Fishers can continue to be one of the best places to live, work, and play. The goal is to create additional opportunities for connectivity and access to the arts, and cultivate the shared values and diverse backgrounds and perspectives that reflect and shape our community and its culture.

“These Partners are doing just that! We’ve all heard the phrase, ‘it takes a village,’ and that’s so true. I’ll rephrase by saying ‘it takes a community,’ and we are so privileged to have such great community partners making such intentional efforts and we look forward to celebrating many more partners in the future.”

Partners for the 2021-2022 season include:

▪ Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that enhance and/or enrich the lives of those who live in, work in, and visit Fishers. Founded in 1995, the Fishers Arts Council curates the Art Gallery at City Hall, with monthly rotations featuring both seasoned and emerging artists. The Council hosts special community events throughout the year, including Art on the Prairie with Conner Prairie, Harvest Fest with Fishers Parks Foundation, and the Spark! Of Creativity Series during Spark!Fishers, Shop Fishers: Small Business Saturday, and Winter Wonderland.

▪ Four Day Ray Brewing

Four Day Ray is a family-friendly scratch kitchen and brewery located in the heart of Fishers’ Nickel Plate Cultural District. Four Day Ray features a wide selection of award-winning brews on rotation in their 24-tap tasting room, and their scratch kitchen uses locally sourced ingredients. Home to one of Nickel Plate Arts’ curated art galleries, Four Day Ray also hosts quarterly artist receptions in their tap room and invites customers to browse the artist work throughout the restaurant.

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▪ **High Frequency Arts**

High Frequency Arts is a certified woman-owned, one-stop shop for art and related services. Services include design to installation project management, artwork and art print sales, a fine art showroom, and artisan made boutique. High Frequency Arts also serves as art curator for the Hub & Spoke Design Center. High Frequency Arts works with collectors, designers, homeowners, and corporate buyers to bring together a full array of services paired with a broad network of local to national artists, and other creative small business entrepreneurs to deliver their clients' artwork needs.

▪ **Hub & Spoke**

Hub & Spoke is a 94,000-square-foot, master-planned, mixed-use development and partnership with the City of Fishers. It includes a Design Center with retail showrooms, coworking space, and a state-of-the-art makerspace. The Hub & Spoke Institute includes a community workshop, innovation lab, and art studio offering S.T.E.A.M-based, hands-on experiential learning with an emphasis on skilled workforce development.

▪ **Ignite Studio**

The Ignite Studio at Hamilton East Public Library is an arts-focused, 15,000-square-foot makerspace designed to offer broad access to the Hamilton County community in various art and making practices. Ignite is a place where makers can teach themselves, connect with expert instructors, and learn from other makers. Ignite sparks creativity in the community by creating opportunities for artists through workshops and its signature Maker-in-Residence program.

▪ **Meyer Najem**

Meyer Najem provides construction management services throughout the Midwest and beyond, focusing on all aspects of a community including corporate, commercial, healthcare, educational, municipal, senior living, as well as sports and recreational facilities. Meyer Najem was early on the scene when it came to supporting public art in Fishers, and was the first private business in the Nickel Plate District to invest in and install public outdoor art. They continued their dedication to art by housing one of Fishers Art Gallery spaces curated by Nickel Plate Arts throughout their second-story lobby. The building is open to the public to view the art and receptions have been held for artist since its inception in July 2016.

▪ **Nickel Plate Arts**

Nickel Plate Arts is a non-profit organization that cultivates arts resources in the five communities along the Nickel Plate railroad, from Fishers to Atlanta, Ind., to enrich the lives of everyone who experiences our community. Nickel Plate Arts manages three exhibit locations in Fishers and coordinates the Fishers Creative Council, a group of community members who want to shape and grow Fishers' arts and culture for the benefit of everyone.

To learn more about the partnership program, visit ThisIsFishers.com/Partners.

About the City of Fishers

The City of Fishers is a suburb of Indianapolis, Indiana, located in Hamilton County and was named #1 Place to Live in the US by Money Magazine in 2017. Under the leadership of Mayor Scott Fadness, Fishers is known as a smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial city through its neighborhood development, dedication to supporting high-growth companies, and innovative city processes. With a population of 91,832 (2017), Fishers is one of the fastest growing communities in Indiana and has received national accolades for entrepreneurship, livability, and safety.

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